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***TCWD' OPEN HOUSE – WATER AWARENESS MONTH***

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Trabuco Canyon Water District celebrated Water Awareness Month by holding its first Open House on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Over two hundred people attended the four hour event. The event was highlighted by a dedication ceremony where both the President of the Trabuco Canyon Water District and the Mayor of rancho Santa Margarita, Mr. Tony Beale, recognized the District's promotion of water awareness and installation of a California Friendly Landscape at the District's Administrative facility.

The event featured numerous displays of water apparatus used in and around the home, and provided the public with an opportunity to understand ways to conserve water and save money on plumbing repairs. Key vehicles of the District's fleet were on display, and children were provided an opportunity to have their photograph taken sitting in the vehicles. There were several working demonstrations of District equipment, such as pipe seaming and mole digging that were tremendous crowd pleasers.

Representatives of the District's Water, Maintenance, and Wastewater Departments manned displays which provided the public with opportunities to understand key features of the District's Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater

Treatment Plant. A working miniature multi-media water treatment filter was one of the more popular displays. Also popular with children and adults alike was the microscope exhibit which provided an opportunity to see the microorganisms that are essential for treatment of sewage.

The public had an opportunity to see the newly planted California Friendly Landscape, walk through the recently refurbished Administration building and Board Meeting Room and enjoy the humorous low technology Trabuco Canyon Water District Weather Station.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department had a display which was staffed by Crime Prevention Specialist Vickie Wright and several Explorer Scouts. Adults had an opportunity at this display to have their children finger printed for their future information.

The event was considered a success by all who attended and participated. The Trabuco Canyon Water District Board and staff look forward to planning a like event in May of 2008. We welcome you to drop by the Administrative facility or telephone us to receive low watering landscape brochures, irrigation brochures, and conservation materials to help you to conserve water as the warm weather begins.

**FACILITY RENTAL**

The District's public meeting room in the Administrative Facility is available for event rental to individuals or groups on weekdays, evenings and weekends. The room can be set up in many different configurations to meet your needs and has a caterer-friendly kitchen. Tables, chairs, audio and electronic equipment are available for an additional fee. We invite you to stop by to see this impressive facility.

**SUGGESTED WEEKLY WATER  
SCHEDULE FOR JUNE AND JULY**

	Turf grass	Trees, shrubs, groundcover
JUNE	3 days, 2 cycles* of 5 minutes	2 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes
JULY	4 days, 3 cycles* of 3 minutes	2 days, 3 cycles* of 4 minutes

- *By "cycling" your irrigation timer to turn on for the suggested number of minutes an hour apart,*
- *You reduce runoff and gain deeper watering and healthier root growth.*

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The Regular Board Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the District office located at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive, Trabuco Canyon. The public is encouraged to attend.

**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

- ◇ May 16, 2007 – Adopted and certified the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and gave further direction to staff.
- ◇ Approved the Notice of Exemption for the Robinson ranch road Reclaimed Water Line Expansion (4RW) Project.
- ◇ Received a staff update relating to the Dry Season Water Recovery Project.
- ◇ Discussed the draft fiscal year 2007/08 general fund budget.
- ◇ Received a status report relating to the Landscape District's Landscape Dedication/ Open House/Water Awareness Day.
- ◇ Discussed sponsoring Trails4All.
- ◇ Received information regarding the Municipal Water District of Orange.

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